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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE VISITORS - KENT STATE PROGRAM FOR
MIHALYIS

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1. DR. GERALD READ INFORMED CU/EE 1 OCT. THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FURTHER LETTERS FROM MIHALYIS INDICATING DESIRE FOR TYPE PROGRAM AT CONSIDERABLE VARIANCE FROM PROGRAM DESCRIBED TO THEM BY READ IN BUDAPEST AND WHICH BEYOND CAPABILITIES KENT STATE TO PROVIDE. READ TOLD CU/EE THAT HE HAD THEREFORE WRITTEN MIHALYIS DIRECTLY, REGRETTING THAT PROGRAM COULD NOT BE ADAPTED THEIR WISHES AND WITHDRAWING INVITATIONS. ALSO CABLED EMB CANCEL DEPARTURE (BUDAPEST 3328). (CU/EE PROMISED COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE AND WILL FORWARD WHEN RECEIVED.) READ CAREFUL TO NOTE IN LETTER TO MIHALYIS THAT WITHDRAWAL INVITATIONS WAS DECISION REACHED SOLELY BY READ IN CONSULTATION HIS BOARD OF ADVISORS.

2. CU/EE CONTACTED 1 OCT. BY PROF. HENRY POPKIN OF UNIVERSITY BUFFALO, FORMER STAG IN DRAMA TO EASTERN EUROPE, WHO IS IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH MIHALYIS ABOUT PROGRAM. (HE FIRST MET MIHALYIS IN BUDAPEST THROUGH THEN PAO ALEXANDER.)

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POPKIN CONSIDERS BOTH MIHALYIS VERY GOOD, AND OF INTEREST

TO US DRAMA ACADEMIC CIRCLES INCLUDING BUFFALO.

3. IN VIEW CU/EMB PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM THROUGH

PROVISION TRAVEL GRANT, APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO
TYPE PROGRAM OFFERED, AND EVIDENT PROMINENT POSITIONS
MIHALYIS IN CULTURAL AFFAIRS, EMB MAY WISH CONSIDER NOMIN-
ATING ONE OR BOTH MIHALYIS FOR FULL INTERNATIONAL VISITOR
GRANTS. PROGRAM MORE DIRECTLY ORIENTED TO THEIR INTERESTS
COULD BE ARRANGED. ADDITIONAL COSTS WOULD BE PRINCIPALLY
\$35 PER DIEM. AS ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE
QUICKLY WITH PROGRAM AGENCIES, WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT
EMB CONSIDERATION. KISSINGER

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